

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 70

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21—Relative to the Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk Memorial Overcrossing.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 21, DeSaulnier. Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate the Pine Street overcrossing that crosses State Highway Route 4 in the City of Martinez as the Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk Memorial Overcrossing. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and grew up in DeKalb, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Paul Starzyk graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor of science degree in computer science, and worked for the Bank of America Corporation in California; and

WHEREAS, After excelling in the banking industry, Paul Starzyk realized his true calling was in helping others through a career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Paul Starzyk started his law enforcement career as a reserve police officer at the Martinez Police Department in 1992; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Paul Starzyk became a full-time police officer, serving the citizens of Martinez on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the SWAT team, later became a range master, and ultimately a SWAT team instructor, and he also developed the active shooter training for the Martinez Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Paul Starzyk was promoted to police sergeant in December 2007; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Starzyk was killed in the line of duty on September 6, 2008, protecting those that he was sworn to serve; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his loving wife Shannon and their children, Vincent, Jacob, and Jessica, and by his parents, Marvin and Ann Starzyk of Caledonia, Illinois, and his sisters, Elizabeth, Kathryn, and Julia; and

WHEREAS, In the event of his death, Sergeant Starzyk asked that this statement be read at his funeral: "Here is a man that got all he ever wanted. Great career, good friends, the best wife, and a great life. He left this world

with no regrets. No matter where he ended up, he is sure he will see some of his coworkers there”; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Starzyk loved with all his heart, was a happy, humorous man, and a true hero; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the Pine Street overcrossing that crosses over State Highway Route 4 in the City of Martinez as the Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk Memorial Overcrossing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.